

## **Iowa DNR Canoe Schools**



Iowa DNR 2-day Canoe School courses and 1- day Canoe Schools for Liveries are a great way to improve skills for people who help get others out on the water. The intent is to increase safety, have fun, and pay knowledge forward, based on American Canoe Association instructional foundations. Time is divided between classroom and hands-on experience on a lake environment and then a river. Participants from last year's initial course rated it extremely helpful. They were also surprised by how much there was to learn, and how intensive this course is.

*"Great class – everyone learned a ton and we all gained knowledge and skills."*

### ***Course offerings:***

#### **February 25<sup>th</sup>; Canoe School (free FOR LIVERIES)**

*Location:* Pinnicon Ridge County Park, Lynn County

*Oriented toward:* Canoe & kayak liveries, this course will focus more on risk management and liability issues, boat purchasing, ideas for being a good neighbor to private and public landowners, and conveying key safety messages in the few minutes you interact with a client.  
*Lodging options:*

*Maximum # participants:* 12

#### **March 4<sup>th</sup>; Canoe School (free FOR LIVERIES)**

*Location:* 7-Oaks Recreation Area, Boone, Iowa

*Directions:* <http://www.sevenoaksrec.com/directions.html>

*Oriented toward:* Canoe & kayak liveries, this course will focus more on risk management and liability issues, boat purchasing, ideas for being a good neighbor to private and public landowners, and conveying key safety messages in the few minutes you interact with a client.  
*Lodging options:*

*Maximum # participants:* 12

#### **May 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>; Boone River Canoe and Kayak School (FOR NATURALISTS)**

*Location:* Briggs Woods Park, Hamilton County

*Directions:* <http://conservation.hamiltoncountyiowa.com/images/map/master-briggs-2-2-06.pdf>

*Oriented toward:* naturalists who take groups on trips or who are expected to conduct canoe instruction. About 1/3 classroom, and 2/3 on-water, the focus is on skills, hazard and river feature identification, teaching to different learning styles, and risk management. You must choose canoe OR kayak.

*Cost:* \$25

*Instructors:* Nate Hoogeveen, John Wenck and Glenn Harman, American Canoe Association certified instructors

*Maximum # participants:* 6 kayak, 6 canoe



**Sept. 15-16, Boone River Canoe School (FOR NATURALISTS)**

*Location:* Briggs Woods Park, Hamilton County

*Directions:* <http://conservation.hamiltoncountyiowa.com/images/map/master-briggs-2-2-06.pdf>

*Oriented toward:* naturalists who take groups on trips or who are expected to conduct canoe instruction. About 1/3 classroom, and 2/3 on-water, the focus is on skills, hazard and river feature identification, teaching to different learning styles, and risk management.

*Cost:* \$25

*Instructor:* John Wenck and Glenn Harman, American Canoe Association certified instructor

*Lodging options:* Camping and sleeping cabins are available at Briggs Woods Park. Two miles north of the park, Webster City has the AmericInn, (800) 396-5007; Executive Inn, (515) 832-3631; and Super 8, (515) 832-2000.

*Maximum # participants:* 6

**Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, Skunk River Canoe School for Naturalists**

*Location:* Oakland Mills, Henry County

*Directions:* <http://www.henrycountyconservation.com/map.htm>

*Oriented toward:* naturalists who take groups on trips or who are expected to conduct canoe instruction. About 1/3 classroom, and 2/3 on-water, the focus is on skills, hazard and river feature identification, teaching to different learning styles, and risk management.

**Cost:** \$25

**Instructor:** John Wenck and Glenn Harman, American Canoe Association certified instructor

**Maximum # participants:** 6

## Iowa DNR 2-Day Canoe Schools

Do you often bring others out on the water in canoes? Would you like to improve your skills to be able to better demonstrate to others how to paddle efficiently, elegantly, and safely? Join Iowa DNR's River Programs for a two-day course including classroom and on-water training for tandem and solo canoe. This intensive course will follow the American Canoe Association's "Intro to Canoe" and "Moving Water Canoe" curriculum, and will be targeted toward those who find themselves teaching others canoeing skills, from lakes to rivers. This course will be instrumental for students who plan to enroll in an ACA instructor certification course. You will receive an Iowa DNR certificate of completion. Class size is limited, so sign up today!



Our courses for livery operators focuses more on risk management than on river skills.

### **Cost**

\$25 course fee. Cost of a tandem canoe rental is included in the course fee. Meals and lodging are not included. If you prefer to use a certain canoe of your own, please contact the instructor.

### **Prerequisites**

This is not considered a novice course, although fairly unskilled people can learn a lot. You are expected to have *some* previous experience, but not expertise. Please review the ACA course outline; in the two days, we will cover curriculum for Introduction to Canoe through Moving Water Canoe.

### **What you'll need to bring**

- Rain gear, brimmed hat for sun, sunscreen
- A small cooler with a lunch to bring during instruction days; you'll be on your own for breakfast and dinner – there are restaurants in Webster City if you prefer, or bring your own food.
- At least 2 liters of drinking water per instruction day.
- Water shoes or old tennis shoes that can get wet
- Swimming suit and/or clothing that can get wet
- If you have a preferred Personal Floatation Device (Type III paddlers' PFD or life jacket), bring it; otherwise a PFD will be provided.
- Sleeping bag & personal effects if staying in a cabin; otherwise bring your own tent and camping gear

## Registration Form:

Please check the course you will attend:

- ☐ February 25<sup>th</sup>, Pinnicon Ridge Canoe School  
(free FOR LIVERIES)
- ☐ March 4th, 7-Oaks Canoe School  
(free FOR LIVERIES)
- ☐ May 30<sup>th</sup> & 31st, Boone River Canoe School  
(\$25 FOR NATURALISTS AND GROUP LEADERS)
- ☐ Sept. 15-16, Boone River Canoe School  
(\$25 FOR NATURALISTS OR GROUP LEADERS)
- ☐ Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> & 30th, Skunk River Canoe School  
(\$25 FOR NATURALISTS OR GROUP LEADERS)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Total fee enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check should be made out to "Iowa DNR" and sent to:

Iowa DNR, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
c/o Nate Hoogeveen, River Programs  
502 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Des Moines, IA 50319-0034

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